IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 15 to page 9, line 2, please amend as follows:

An optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 1 of the present invention comprises a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk which is a recording medium, wherein in order to effect kicking in the track hold control, the control section operates to measure an offset amount of a lens relative to the center in the pickup, and effect the kicking when the measured offset amount is equal to or smaller than a predetermined value.

A track hold control method of an optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 7 is a method for controlling, in an optical disk device, track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk which is a recording medium, wherein in order to effect kicking in a track hold processing, an offset amount of a lens relative to the center in the pickup is measured, and the kicking is effected only when the measured offset amount is equal to or smaller than a predetermined value.

According to these configuration and method, kicking is effected in an area where the offset of the lens is the smallest, so that the offset of the lens is small enough at the time of shifting to the tracking control, which permits a stable track hold processing.

The optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 2 has the control section according to ~~claim~~ aspect 1 which operates to change the predetermined value which is compared with the measured offset amount depending on the number of tracks for the kicking.

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The track hold control method according to ~~claim~~ aspect 8 is the method according to ~~claim~~ aspect 7, wherein the predetermined value which is compared with the measured offset amount is changed depending on the number of tracks for the kicking.

These configuration and method permit a stable track hold processing without being influenced by the number of tracks for the kicking and there is only a small offset of the lens at the time of shifting to the tracking control.

An optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 3 comprises a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk which is a recording medium, wherein in order to carry out tracking after kicking is effected in the track hold, the control section operates to measure an offset amount of a lens relative to the center in the pickup, and carry out no tracking processing until the offset amount becomes equal to or smaller than a predetermined value.

A track hold control method according to ~~claim~~ aspect 9 is a method for controlling, in an optical disk device, track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk which is a recording medium, wherein in order to carry out tracking after kicking is effected in the track hold processing, an offset amount of a lens relative to the center in the pickup is measured so that no tracking processing is carried out until the offset amount becomes equal to or smaller than a predetermined value.

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According to these configuration and method, the tracking processing is carried out in an area where the offset of the lens is the smallest, which permits a stable track hold processing.

An optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 4 comprises a control section for controlling track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk which is a recording medium, wherein in order to effect kicking in the track hold control, the control section operates to measure an offset amount of a lens relative to the center in the pickup several times, and effect the kicking when the offset amount is reduced each time of the measurements within a predetermined range.

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A track hold control method for an optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 10 is a method for controlling, in an optical disk device, track hold of a pickup with respect to an optical disk which is a recording medium, wherein in order to effect kicking in the track hold processing, an offset amount of a lens relative to the center in the pickup is measured several times, and the kicking is effected when the offset amount is reduced each time of the measurement within a predetermined range.

According to ~~these~~ this configuration and method, the kicking is consequently effected just before an area where the offset of the lens is the smallest, so that shifting to the tracking control occurs in the area where the offset of the lens is minimized, which permits a stable track hold processing.

The optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 5 has the control section according to ~~claim~~ aspect 4 ~~operates~~ operate to change the predetermined value which is compared with the offset amounts measured several times depending on the number of tracks for the kicking.

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The track hold control method according to ~~claim~~ aspect 11 is the method according to ~~claim~~ aspect 10 wherein the predetermined value which is compared with the offset amounts measured several times is changed depending on the number of tracks for the kicking.

According to ~~these~~ this configuration and method, the kicking is subject to no influence of the number of tracks, and shifting to the tracking control occurs in the area where the

offset of the lens is minimized, which permits a stable track hold processing.

The optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 6 is the device according to any one of ~~claims~~ aspects 1 to 5, wherein the control section operates to store a measured maximum offset amount as an eccentricity amount of an optical disk in use.

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The track hold control method for an optical disk device according to ~~claim~~ aspect 12 is the method such that a measured maximum offset amount according to any one of ~~claims~~ aspects 7 to 11 is stored to be regarded as an eccentricity amount of an optical disk in use.